MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): When Mr. Zachariah was recommended as a member of the School Leaving Certificate Board, it was thought that he was continuing to be employed in a College in Travancore. As he left Travancore, his appointment sanctioned by Government was not communicated to him.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

Fee concession in schools.

368. ***T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the fee concession committee for the current school year met to decide the question in the Tiruvalla taluk ;

(*b*) the date of payment of the last instalment of fees in the English and Vernacular Schools ;

(*c*) whether they are aware that the delay in the decision by the committee frustrates the object of the fee concession and

(*d*) the action they propose to take for preventing the delay in the matter ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 22-5-1109 for English Schools and 24-5-1109 for Vernacular Schools.

(*b*) 24-5-1109 and 5-8-1109 for the English and Vernacular Schools respectively for the school year 1933-34.

(*c*) Owing to the reconstitution of the *ad hoc* committees consequent on the abolition of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, some delay was inevitable. The delay does not frustrate the object of fee-concessions entirely since excess recoveries from pupils are refunded after the awards are made.

(*d*) Headmasters and Headmistresses of schools have instructions to forward all applications for fee concessions to the Tahsildars concerned as early as possible after the schools re-open and in any case by the end of Karkatakam each year.

Cooks attached to hospitals.

369. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether cooks attached to any of the Government hospitals have been transferred to distant places during the current year ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affimative, the name, place and other particulars of such transfers ;

(*c*) the reasons for such transfers ; and

(*d*) whether these cooks are public servants according to the Service Regulations ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1. Cook Velayudhan Pillai from District Hospital, Nagercoil, to District Hospital, Nedumangad.

2. Cook A. Sankunni Nair from District Hospital, Nedumangad, to District Hospital, Tiruvalla.

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